Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Has the Hon'ble Member got it with him?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—It is in my office.

President.—Do these Aminadars delay in certifying?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I have heard some complaints about Aminadars, but for want of proof I could not deal with them, I don't claim any special immunity from human failings for the officers of my department but the difficulty is to get evidence. I am trying my very best to take severe measures, but then it is very difficult to get evidence, Whenever I find an incident of that kind, I punish them,

Importations of foreign jaggery into the State.

445. **Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.**—(a) Is the Government aware that jaggery is being imported into our State in large quantities from Travancore and British Malabar? If so, what is the quantity annually imported? If the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to make enquiries and state the quantity of jaggery annually imported?

(b) Is the Government aware of the disabilities attending jaggery tapping in our State?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to make inquiries and state why foreign jaggery is sold cheaper here than home made jaggery?

(d) Is any duty imposed upon jaggery imported by the Travancore Government, and does our Government impose any duty upon jaggery imports?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—(a) Jaggery is being imported from Travancore and British Malabar. No statistics are available, and an enquiry of the kind suggested is not practicable.

(b) Government are not aware of any. In fact no real disabilities exist.

(c) The matter will be referred to the Economic Development Committee for investigation.

(d) No information is available as regards the first part of the question. The Cochin Government do not levy any duty on imported jaggery.

Complaints from tappers about the conduct of the Excise Officers.

446. **Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.**—(a) Has the Government received any petition during the last 6 years from tappers,

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